



Battleground Rail Trail Project Newsletter

April 2006

Project Status and Schedule

PHASE 1

Phase 1 of the Battleground Rail Trail (BRT) will begin at Pisgah Church Road (where the Lake Brandt Greenway currently terminates). The trail will roughly follow the historical alignment of the former Atlantic & Yadkin Railroad parallel to Battleground Avenue for approximately 1.1 miles, ending at Markland Drive near the Lawndale Crossing Shopping Center. The property drawings and construction plans for Phase 1 of the BRT are expected to be complete by May 2006, including the underpass at Cone Boulevard. Property acquisition is expected to be complete by early 2007. Construction of Phase 1 is expected to begin Summer 2007 with completion anticipated in early 2008.

Did you Know...

The BRT will be a high quality off-road pedestrian and bicycle facility, connecting a wide range of residential, commercial, and recreational destinations through an area of significant development and traffic congestion. The BRT will be an important part of the growing regional trail system and will connect its users to the Lake Brandt Greenway, the Bicentennial Greenway, and the future Piedmont Greenway, as well as to nearby commercial destinations, Jaycee Park, Guilford Courthouse National Military Park, Bur-Mil Park, Summerfield, and the watershed trails at lakes Brandt and Higgins.



A second and third phase of the BRT is proposed to be developed following the eventual abandonment of the remaining rail corridor. Phase 2 will continue south from Markland Drive to Green Valley Road and a third phase from Green Valley Road to Spring Garden Street. Development of future phases will depend on the abandonment of the existing rail line and the identification and commitment of project funding. The portion of Phase 3 from Green Valley Road to Spring Garden Street would coincide with the western leg of the "Downtown Greenway" proposed by Action Greensboro. The public involvement process for Phase 2 and 3 of the BRT will be determined once the timeline for abandonment of Norfolk Southern's existing line has been established.

The BRT project was initially approved by Greensboro voters through the 2000 Bond Referendum, and has since received significant federal funding support. Numerous public meetings have been held to advance the development of this project. Partly as the result of public feedback, additional federal funding has been secured to construct an underpass at Cone Boulevard. The underpass will enhance the safety and convenience of the BRT for both trail users and motorists. Sidewalk construction on Cone Boulevard from Lawndale Drive to Battleground Avenue, and improvements to the Battleground Avenue / Benjamin Parkway / Cone Boulevard intersection are being planned to coordinate with future construction of the BRT, as are other nearby sidewalks along Lawndale Drive, Battleground Avenue, Pinedale Road, Benjamin Parkway, Pisgah Church Road, and Cornwallis Drive. The BRT will be fenced and landscaped where appropriate near adjacent neighborhoods. The BRT will have a 10' pavement width and 2' shoulders on each side. Pavement markings and signage will be installed to enhance safety for its users.



For more information, please contact:

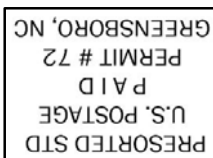
Craig McKinney, Transportation Planner

Phone: (336) 373-4184

Email: craig.mckinney@greensboro-nc.gov

Or visit the BRT webpage at:

<http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/Departments/GDOT/divisions/planning/pedestrian/BRT.htm>



Greensboro Department Of Transportation
PO Box 3136
Greensboro, NC 27402-3136